

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 and 16-17 are pending in the application. It is gratefully acknowledged that the Examiner has allowed Claims 1-14 and 16. Claim 15 has been previously cancelled. The Examiner has rejected Claim 17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hardouin (U.S. Patent 5,966,655) in view of Ranta (U.S. Patent 6,832,093 B1) and Irvin (U.S. Patent 6,360,101 B1).

Claim 17 has been amended.

The Examiner has rejected independent Claim 17 as being unpatentable over Hardouin in view of Ranta and Irvin. Hardouin discloses a device for automatic determination of audio or vibration alerting for an incoming call in a wireless handset. Ranta discloses a cellular radio system for imposing restrictions on the operation of the mobile station on at least one isolated geographically defined area. Irvin discloses a cellular phone that displays or sends messages upon its arrival at a predetermined location.

Claim 17 has been amended to include the recitation “generating, in the mobile station, a paging alert tone according to the information of the type and the level of the paging alert tone, included in the BCH message; *alerting the user to select or reject the restricted mode; and providing the user the opportunity to accept or reject the restricted mode within a given time period*” which is neither suggested nor taught by Hardouin, Ranta or Irvin or the combination thereof. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner’s rejection of Claim 17 should be withdrawn.

It is thus respectfully requested that the rejection of Claim 17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) be withdrawn. All of the claims of the application as presented herein are believed to be in condition for

allowance. An early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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